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SUBJ: GOP CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY OF UN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM
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1. DFA HAS SEND EMBASSY NOTE SEEKING USG SUPPORT FOR
CANDIDACY OF MISS HELENA Z. BENITEZ FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF
THE THIRD SESSION GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM (UNEP) WHICH WILL BE HELD IN NAIROBI ON
16 APRIL TO 2 MAY 1975. PERTINENT PORTIONS OF DFA NOTE
AS QUOTED BELOW:

QUOTE MISS BENITEZ HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN UNITED NATIONS
MATTERS RELATING TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
AND EDUCATION. SHE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION
TO THE 1972 STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND
WAS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I (HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, EDUCATION,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL MATTERS) OF THAT CONFERENCE. SHE HAS BEEN
ALSO SENIOR ADVISER ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS TO THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNEP, AND COORDINATOR,
PRELIMINARY PLANNING GROUP FOR HABITAT '65.

CONSIDERING MISS BENITEZ' IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENTS
AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF UNEP, IT IS BELIEVED
SHE WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE
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COUNCIL. THE DEPARTMENT HOPES, THEREFORE, THAT THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL GIVE ITS
SUPPORT TO THE CANDADATURE OF MISS BENITEZ. END QUOTE

2. WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED DFA NOTE AND SIMPLY STATED
THAT IT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
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